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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Koji HASHIMOTO, et al.  
 SERIAL NO: New Application  
 FILED: Herewith  
 FOR: NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION SENSOR

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

## RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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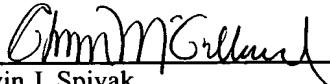
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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Status or Patentee</u>
0039-3751-0S FWC CIP	5,776,672	07/07/98	HASHIMOTO et al.
0039-6072-2 SRD	5,936,686	08/10/99	OKUMURA et al.
0039-6137-0S DIV	5,972,692	10/26/99	HASHIMOTO et al.

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (5,965,452) on Form PTO-1449:**

An improved biologic electrode array and method for manufacturing the DNA chip.

**Reference AB (5,945,286) on Form PTO-1449:**

A biological detection apparatus including an electrode, nucleic acid probe and a protective layer.

**Reference AO (WO 93/22678) on Form PTO-1449:**

A method and apparatus for detection of biological samples using a monolithic array of test sites formed on a substrate.

**Reference AP (10-146183) on Form PTO-1449:**

An electrode and device for detection of biological Samples using an substrate and a probe immobilized on the substrate.